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EIU PROFESSOR HEADS CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, IL.--Cheryl Hawker of Charleston, associate professor of mathematics at Eastern Illinois University, is the conference director for the 42nd annual meeting of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Oct. 26-27 in Peoria.

Eastern's School of Adult and Continuing Education was selected to handle the budget and registration for the conference.

Some 2,000 math teachers from Illinois and neighboring states are expected to attend the conference, featuring more than 200 sessions covering a variety of issues which concern improving the teaching of mathematics. There will also be exhibits of educational materials.

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"Entering a New Decade of Excellence" is the theme of the conference sponsored by both the Illinois and National Councils of Teachers of Mathematics.

"The Illinois meeting is usually considered to be the equivalent of a regional conference based on the quality and quantity of the speakers we get," Hawker said.

EIU mathematics faculty presenting workshops at the conference are Allen Davis; Max Gerling; Joan Henn; Claire Krukenberg; Rosemary Schmalz, treasurer of ICTM; and Nancy Taitt, ICTM board member. Several other mathematics faculty will be attending the conference.

All workshops will be conducted at the Continental Regency Hotel, Hotel Pere Marquette and the Civic Center in downtown Peoria.